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SOUTH NUCLA GAS FIELD DEVELOPMENT

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding a proposal by Redwine Resources, Inc. to fully develop the South Nucla Gas Field located in sections 4-10, 14, 15 and 23-25 of Township 46 North, Range 14 West. The field is contained within the 31,933 acre South Nucla Federal Exploratory Unit in Mailbox Park in south-central Montrose County, Colorado, six miles east of the town of Nucla. Surface ownership within the Unit includes 19,769 BLM-administered acres, 7,768 U.S. Forest Service-administered acres, and 4,398 privately owned acres. No National Forest lands are proposed for current development.

Field development would result in initial surface disturbance to approximately 82 acres of BLM surface and 57 acres of private surface. Project components would include up to 20 wells drilled vertically and directionally from up to 10 well pads; well pad access roads and co-located gas-gathering pipelines; a production facility which would include gas processing and compression equipment; and a 6.8 mile long, 8 inch diameter, field pipeline which would transmit produced gas to the existing TransColorado Gas Transmission Company's pipeline. Where well pad access roads and co-located gas-gathering pipelines can be situated on and adjacent to existing unimproved roads and seismic scars, construction siting would make use of the prior road disturbance when topography would not preclude use by oil field equipment. More than 90% of the field pipeline would be located adjacent to existing unimproved roads. Well pads, access roads, and gas-gathering pipelines would be constructed from 2009 to 2012. The field pipeline and production facility would be constructed in 2009. All of the proposed development would occur within the South Nucla Unit with the exception of approximately 2.0 miles of the field pipeline.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is seeking any comments you may have related to this project. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

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Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than February 23, 2009.

Parties expressing interest during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.400. Appeal and stay procedures are outlined in Form CO-1840. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants of the final decision. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request.

Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,



Barbara Sharrow
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BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office

Map Attachment